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Re: Open Burning  
Wood County  
**Notice of Violation**

September 21, 2007

Certified Mail 7006 3450 0001 0661 3802

The Honorable Robert Walther  
Mayor of the Village of Deshler  
101 East Main Street  
Deshler, Ohio 43516

Dear Mayor Walther:

This office has received a report from the Wood County Sheriff Office concerning open burning on the Village of Deshler property behind the airport. The materials that were noted were trash, plastic, grass, construction debris and other discarded items. By means of this letter we hope to inform you of the seriousness of open burning, and inform you that open burning is a strictly regulated activity in Ohio, regulated pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-19 (copy enclosed).

Mayor Walther, the Village of Deshler has been found in violation of OAC 3745-19.

At this time, we ask that you submit a written response to the Ohio EPA regarding this report, your understanding of the regulations, and what measures will be taken to prevent any further violations. Your response should be received by this Agency by October 4, 2007.

Please be advised that the submission of information to respond to this letter does not constitute waiver of Ohio EPA's authority to seek civil penalties pursuant to ORC Section 3704.06. The Ohio EPA will make a decision on whether to pursue or decline to pursue such penalties regarding this matter at a later date.

Keep in mind that penalties of up to \$25,000 could be assessed.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or the regulations, please call me at (419) 373-3120.

Sincerely,

Joseph L. Grob  
Environmental Specialist 3  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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Enclosure

pc: Wood County Health Department  
Lisa Holscher, U.S. EPA, Region V  
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NWDO Follow-up File

ec: Tom Sattler, Supervisor